

Cases of "Review for Pal" on Geological Journal

Previously, we and our allies exposed some researchers in Geography gained massive publications through their editor friends, or even through their self-editing [1-2], raising concerns about the conflict of interest in those articles. Up to recently, over 1,000 articles were found with such conflict of interest [3], and much more are undetected due to that the information about the handling editors was not disclosed with the published articles.

However, finding a friend to handle their manuscripts was the first step to allow their articles published much easier, with less rigorous peer review. Our recent investigation suggests that some of those articles were reviewed by authors' friends (Review for Pal), too.

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Geological Journal

SPECIAL ISSUE ARTICLE

Relict hydrocarbon seeps in the Oligocene–Miocene Subis carbonate platform, Malaysia: Implications on hydrocarbon generation and migration pathways and potential sealing by shale gouging

Correction(s) for this article

Muthuvairavasamy Ramkumar, Ramasamy Nagarajan, Manoj J. Mathew, Benjamin Sautter, Numair A. Siddiqui, Bing B. Saw, M. Santosh, David Menier, Michael C. Poppelreiter

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Content	All the review are corrected and can be accepted for publishing	
Reviewed by	Effi Helmy Ariffin	
Reviewer Report		2020/01/17
Content	Thank you for incorporating the changes.	
Reviewed by	Priyadarsi D. Roy	

Geoscience Frontiers

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Plate tectonic control on the formation and tectonic migration of Cenozoic basins in northern margin of the South China Sea

Pengcheng Wang^{1,2,3}, Sanzhong Li^{1,2,3}, Yanhui Sun^{1,2}, Lingli Guo^{1,2}, Guangqiang Wang^{1,2}, Gege Hu^{1,2}, M. Santosh⁴, Dan D. Somerville⁵, Xianzhi Cao^{1,2}, Yang Li^{1,2}

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Science of The Total Environment

Volume 705, 1 March 2020, 135963

Total vulnerability of the littoral zone to climate change-driven natural hazards in north Brittany, France

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Chapter 13

Cenozoic Chemostratigraphy

Understanding the Most Recent Era of the Earth's History

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Book Editors: Alcides N. Sial, Claudio Gaucher, Muthuvairavasamy Ramkumar, Valderio Pinto Ferreira

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This article was published by M Ramkumar et. al. in 2020, and was handled by I Somerville, who had coauthorship with another author of this article, M Santosh, earlier than the publication of this article. The two reviewers also had connections to the authors. Before the publication of this article, P D Roy coauthored with M Ramkumar, while E H Ariffin coauthored with N A Siddiqui. During our investigation, an independent sleuth posted the linkage between E H Ariffin and N A Siddiqui on PubPeer [4], confirming the our outcome.

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This article was published by J Q Zhang et. al. in 2020, and was handled by L Tang. We notice both L Tang and M Santosh, one of the authors of this article, worked for a same institution, China University of Geosciences Beijing, and they had multiple coauthorship before the publication of this article, dated back to 2019. L Tang chose F Yang as a reviewer to this article. F Yang also had long history of coauthorship with M Santosh, which can date back to 2018. The name of the other reviewer was not disclosed.

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Geological Journal

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Tracing the genesis of skarn-type iron deposit in central North China Craton: Insights from mineral zoning textures in ore-forming intrusion

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Ju-Quan Zhang , Li-Na Yan, M. Santosh, Sheng-Rong Li, Jing Lu, Dui-Xing Wang, Xian Liang, Lin-Xuan Wang, Ya-Qi Li

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 **Ore Geology Reviews**
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Multistage processes linked to tectonic transition in the genesis of orogenic gold deposit: A case study from the Shangong lode deposit, East Qinling, China

Li Tang , Xin-Kai Hu , M. Santosh , Shou-Ting Zhang , Christopher J. Spencer , Heejin Jeon , Yu Zhao , Hua-Wen Cao 

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



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Gondwana Research
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Mesozoic magmatism in the eastern North China Craton: Insights on tectonic cycles associated with progressive craton destruction

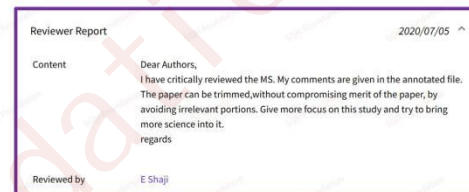
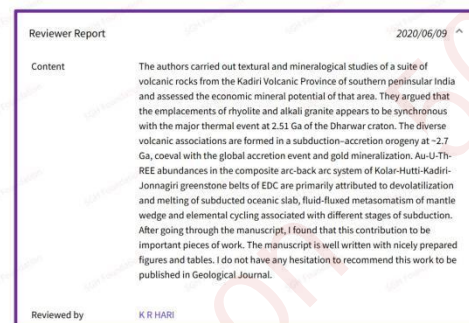
Fan Yang , M. Santosh , , Sung Won Kim 

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Geological Journal

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Geochemistry, petrogenesis, and tectonic setting of the Los Tuxtlas Volcanic Field, Mexico

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Surendra P. Verma  Héctor López-Loera, Konduri S. V. Subramanyam, Chakravadhanula ManikyambaFirst published: 03 August 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/gj.3918> | Citations: 7

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APMdisc: An online computer program for the geochemical discrimination of siliciclastic sediments from active and passive margins

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Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research 197, 149–166.

Ziberna, L., Klemme, S., Nimis, P. 2013. Garnet and spinel in fertile and depleted mantle: insights from thermodynamic modeling. Contributions to Mineralogy and Petrology 166, 411–421.

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Fernando Velasco-Tapia

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Petrogenetic and tectonic implications of Oligocene–Miocene volcanic rocks from the Sierra de San Miguelito complex, central Mexico

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Geological Journal

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Clockwise hairpin-type metamorphic pressure–temperature (P–T) path recorded in the Shangla blueschist along the Indus Suture Zone, Pakistan Himalaya[Correction\(s\) for this article](#)Muhammad Zahoor Iqbal, Weimin Li, Asghar Ali, [Yongjiang Liu](#), Duo ZhangFirst published: 10 June 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/gj.3878> | Citations: 3

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are strong foliated, and some of them are radiated, probably are related to the different rock occurrences. Maybe the radiated ones are selected from the center of the hard block, which is difficult to be deformed, however, the margin ones may easy to be deformed. How do you think it? you may give a brief discussion on the petrography.

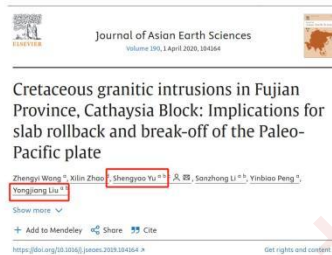
8. It is better to provide a table which shows the mineral assemblage for three groups of blueschists, in order to better understanding the difference between them.

9. For the reference list, you have to follow the format of Geological Journal, recently some of them are not correct. Check them carefully.

10. Figure 1. all the abbreviations of the belts are interpreted in the figure captions. Make sure that all the mentioned areas in the text are shown in the figure.

11. Figure 3. there is no scale for the Fig A, and the scale for center figure in A is unable to see.

Shengyao Yu



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Geological Journal

SPECIAL ISSUE ARTICLE

Geochemistry of sands from the Huatabampo and Altata beaches, Gulf of California, Mexico

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Characterization and potential application of gleysols and ferralsols for ceramic industry: a case study from Dimako (Eastern Cameroon)

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Volume 13, article number 1074, (2020) [Cite this article](#)Josti M. Doum, Gentry C. Fuh, Soureiyatou Fadil-Djenabou, Vincent Laurent Onana, Paul-Désiré Ndjigui
✉ John S. Armstrong-Altrin

Reviewer Report

2020/01/30 ^

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Paul-Désiré Ndjigui

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These six articles were listed on an Correction published by "Geological Journal", a Wiley title, early this month (May 8th, 2025). The Correction addresses the concerns in 98 articles coauthored by at least one of the associate editors of the journal, which may cause conflict of interest in the publications. Although the Correction states that "the [editorial and peer review] process was found to be sound, and the publisher considers the results presented in all affected articles to be reliable", but it was not. Our investigation reveals that some of the peer review process for those articles were affected with "Review for Pal", namely, the articles were reviewed by the friends of the authors. The peer review process should had been supervised by the handling editors and/or the editor in chief of the journal, however, this process was affected partly because of "Edit for Pal", namely, the articles were handled by the friends of the authors. The potential conflict of interest in those articles is not only the issues that associate editors coauthored in them, but also "Edit for Pal" and "Review for Pal", which were not addressed on the Correction by the journal.

It is very hard to estimate how many articles were affected with "Review for Pal". Only 13 of those 98 articles have open peer review records, but 46% (6 of 13) of them were found to be reviewed by the friends of the authors. Considering the small size of the sample, it is impossible to reach a conclusion here, but this matter should be seriously investigated by the journal or the publisher.

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